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Dear Mary,

OK, you are mad at me. You don't have to be right or justified, you have the license. If I'm sorry, there is nothing I can do about it. If you knew what we have gone through because of this deception for which there was no need, you might understand somethine other than blood vs water. To date I've gotten no single copy of the book, although under the contract they are all mine and this was later reassured in writing. Meanwhile, at least a third of them have disappeared. Now, if we are lucky and get into court via habeas corpus, our situation is fine:we have nothing to use as a book can be used.

So, I repeat what I've said about the blessing of "friends".

And if you want to use this picque as the latest reason not to keep your word when I loaned you files I'd not even read myself, there is nothing I can do about that, either. It is now well over a year and I really should not have had ~~thxxxx~~ to take the time to ask for it, as often as I have. This is so unlike you, or at least what I thought was you, I just can't understand it.

However, these are not the reasons for my writing you now.

I am sure you remember Jimmy Lee's situation when he was busted with a single joint. Someone I know, not a Texan and presumeably all along there, is in a worse pickle. This person had been a good source of information for me. As well as one of the world's most proficient liars. So, I know only what I've been told and can't vouch for it.

It is a young woman who had had an accident almost as bad of the one your boy had. She was thought dead and, after being dragged by a car about a block, was being taken away in a morgue wagon when it was discovered that she was alive. I don't know how many operations there have been, but I know many. She has on one leg a row of clamp marks from the instep to the crotch. There is a narrow problem with it and periodic serious consequeces. A large part of the time I knew her it was in a cast, long after the accident. The damage to her abdomen was so great she is one massive skingraft from the navel down. And more.

Her story is that an acquaintance dropped in to see her in Houston. She didn't know it but he had a syringe in his pocket. There was some kind of raid and charges were placed against her for possession of the equipment, nothing against him. I can't imagine her financing a habit. I can imagine her working for the police because she was a narc fink for Clarence Giarrusso when I first knew her. Her story is that she has been damaged by lesbians built like fullbacks in the Houston jail, Harris County, and that she won't even be tried for 12-15 months. The says she can't use that leg now and all she gets for it is two aspirins a day.

She says she is broke, so broke getting envelopes and stamps is a problem. She also says she has a lawyer but he can't afford to do much because she can't pay. His name is Robert Scott. Know anything about him, or can you find out, or send me his address so I can write him and find out what the real scoop is?

If this young woman is guilty, I am aghast if her story about the lack of medical care is even close to tfue, or that with such an obvious physical weakness she was put in with lesbians. I know enough of jail stories to feel that there can be truth in it. I do know how people have been and can be set up, and of recent cases.

Are there legal-assistance agencies in Houston to which I can refer her, like the ACLU or a legal-aid society?

If the arrests was at all like she has told me, aside from humanitarian grounds you should be interested, and the timing may be especially significant for other rather odd things of comparable nature happened elsewhere at about the same time.

If this was a setup, I know of a similar one in N.O., where Barbara Reid was framed. The pattern would not be new.

It is not impossible that this woman has psychiatric problems, too. I've often wondered but never found reason to believe there was a serious one.

Sorry you feel as you seem to. Hope things are going as well as they can.

Thanks,